

Minutes – May 15, 2024
Arlington Disability Commission

Quorum reached – Meeting Called to order at 6:01 PM

Attendance (members present):

Kari Sasportas (KS)– Chair
Janice Cagan-Teuber (JCT) - Secretary
Kerrie Fallon (KF)
Grace Carpenter (GC)
Michael Rademacher (MR) (DPW Rep)

Staff Present:

ADA Coordinator: Tim Ross (TR) tross@town.arlington.ma.us

Members of the Public:

Ellen Leigh, Terry Vandercook

Proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order, Read Ground Rules, Welcome
2. Ground rules
 - a. [Please don't use Zoom chat/messaging during the meeting, unless that is your primary way to participate in a meeting]
3. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes (5 min)
4. Consent Agenda (5 min)
5. Grant Update (10 min)
6. July – ADA Anniversary (30 min)
7. Working Group reports (20 min)
8. ADA Transition Plan Update (5 min)
9. Subcommittee reports (10 min)
 - a. DEI
 - b. DPW
 - c. CODA
10. Correspondences (5 min)
11. Guest Introductions
12. Public Comment (10 min)
13. Next meeting Wednesday June 19, 2024 at 6PM
14. Closing

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Minutes Approval - Amended

Draft April Meeting Minutes

- KS Moved/MR Seconded
- Approval by roll call

Consent Agenda: May 2024

- Belmont Disability Commission – 05/07
- Arlington Resident interested in Disability Commission – 05/10
- Added during meeting
 - Don Seltzer sent an email reminder for the meeting on April 27th regarding the AAB rejection of the appeal for 1500 Mass Ave.
 - Rebecca Gruber provided feedback regarding a survey for the Hybrid Meeting study
 - Hybrid Meeting study
- JCT Moved to approve, KF seconded
 - Approval by roll call

Grant Update

- GC asked how and who can store bikes
- Room for roughly 6 residents' recumbent bikes plus 2 rentals
- Please spread the news
- How will bikes be locked?
 - There will be stations to which biked can be locked
 - Need to make sure there are accessible locks
 - There will be a keypad access
- The Recreation Staff will assist people rental the rental bikes

July ADA Recognition

- Teresa Marzilli asked if we want to do anything for the event and she will help out
- TR asked Commissioners to consider holding an event to commemorate the anniversary of the ADA in July
 - Ideas raised by Commissioners
 - Something to honor Paul Parravano
 - Proclamation from Town Manager to honor past Commissioners (e.g., Eliana, Paul P.)
 - TR will follow up with the Town Manager
 - Question about whether Library plans to do a display like last year – TR will ask
- TR will send a Doodle Poll to see who's interested in planning an event

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Working Group Updates

- **Resource Fair**

- 40 different groups were present
- Unsure of the number of residents who attended, however there were many (TR will check with Teresa to see if she has a number of residents)
- Live Band was in the lobby of the High School
- Dal's Lemonade was there
- Rainbow Commission, Human Rights Commission and the Disability Commission all worked together

- **ADA Transition**

- Large Print and Braille signs for the Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk and Select Board offices included
- No update regarding bathrooms at the Robbins Library
- 2 bathrooms at Town Hall are slated to be updated
- GC stated she went to JazzFest at the Community Center; doors were locked
- Town Buildings seem to be locked but should be unlocked if events are being held

- **Sub-Committee**

- DEI
 - Town Day is around the Corner – September 21
 - Does the Commission want to host a table?
- CODA
 - Grant submissions were discussed
 - How each commission gets funding
 - Many commissions are funded from HP parking fees
- DPW
 - Capital improvements plans are being finalized (using an overlay of programs (schools, etc.)
 - Finalized drawings for the Appleton/Mass Ave intersection are made
 - Question: can accessible parking spaces be included in front of the High School?
 - The request was forwarded to the Town Manager

Guest Introductions

- **Terri Vandercook**

- Recently “discovered” the Disability Commission and is interested
- Lived in Arlington for 15 years
- TR will send her information and the position description

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Public Comment

- Ellen Leigh commented that she has not received agendas for the past couple meetings
 - All meeting announcements are posted on the Town website in accordance with open meeting law
- Will the Commission do something for Farmers' Market, like we did last year?
 - Brochure?
 - Other things for people with Disabilities

Announcements

- Next meeting falls on June 19, a federal holiday; TR will send poll to reschedule.

Adjournment

- Moved by Chair and seconded by MR, approval by roll call of Commissioners
- Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

Respectfully submitted

Janice L. Cagan-Teuber, Secretary